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*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) The rebel and loyalist governments have presented mutually unacceptable counterproposals to the OAS formula for a solution to the crisis.

Each side, however, probably expects further concessions to become necessary and the rebels in particular are under strong internal pressure to facilitate an early solution to the two month-old crisis.

The rebel response reiterated the familiar condemnation of the US military intervention and the view that the role of the OAS in the Dominican crisis has been illegal. Two of the rebel demands would significantly downgrade the position of the Inter-American Peace Force (IAPF): the IAPF should be evacuated within one month after the installation of a provisional government, and the weapons now in the hands of "irregular forces" should be turned over to the provisional government rather than to the OAS. The rebels also insist that all regular military personnel on the rebel side, as well as those who were dismissed after the September 1963 coup against Bosch, be reinstated in their previous ranks.

The Imbert government informed the OAS committee that it too approved "in principle" the OAS formula. In a statement issued yesterday afternoon, however, Imbert insisted that his Government of National Reconstruction has all the necessary attributes of a provisional regime to govern the country until after elections. There is no need, therefore, for the OAS to sponsor the formation of a new provisional government, according to Imbert. Imbert also proposed the deportation of all persons identified as Communists.

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Algeria: Military and security forces are bracing themselves for further disorders or strikes as the Afro-Asian foreign ministers assemble in Algiers today.

Thus far, the daily pro - Ben Bella demonstrations have consisted of students and other youths shouting slogans and have been easily dispersed. The population generally seems to be apathetic, although the US Embassy has reports of a "certain mounting effervescence" in the poorer quarters of the capital. The dissidents in the Kabylie region have adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

Algerians abroad--students and emigrés in France, Morocco, Britain, Egypt, and the USSR--have continued to demonstrate in favor of Ben Bella. The Communist press in France and Italy have been unfriendly toward the coup. On 22 June, Havana news broadcasts abandoned their cautious coverage to carry French and US news service stories which tend to reflect criticism of the new Algerian regime.

French-Algerian oil negotiations resumed yesterday as planned before the coup. A French minister states that these negotiations were proceeding normally since "the same negotiators were at the table."

Another French official likened the coup to the colonels' revolts in Syria and said he presumed it would be equally impermanent. He commented that were France--which recognizes states rather than governments--faced with the formality of recognition, caution would appear the best course. He added that recognition given before the Arab states did so might provide a "kiss of death" to the new regime.

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[*The government's frantic efforts to create an image of stability have apparently failed and,

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it has decided that the Afro-Asian Conference should be postponed. The foreign ministers, whose meeting has been delayed until tomorrow, are expected to endorse this decision and probably will recommend that the conference be held at a later date.

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*Cuba: Press reports state that Havana Radio has announced a successor to Ernesto "Che" Guevara as Cuban Minister of Industries. The new appointee, Arturo Guzman, has been functioning as acting minister since Guevara's December-March visit to Africa and Communist China. Havana Radio made no mention of the whereabouts of Guevara, who has been significantly absent from the public scene since his return to Cuba on 14 March.

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